

[8th August, 2000]

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(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to expand the Crisis Management Group (CMG) in view of the Kandhar hijacking incident last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any contingency plans to deal with aviation security crisis; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (fa) to (c) Composition of the Crisis Management Group (CMG) is included in the Contingency Plan to deal with unlawful interference with civil aviation, which is being reviewed. Since it is a classified document, it will not be in public interest to disclose its details.

Rain Repellent System for IAs A-380 Aircraft

1724. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to states

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned No rain repellent system in IAs A-300 aircraft as reported in the 'Pioneer' dated 19th July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether rain repellent system da not exist at Airbus 300 aircraft making it difficult for pilots to manoeuvre the aircraft during monsoon;

(c) if so, the reasons of not providing this system in A-300 aircraft;

(d) whether there are chances of mishaps due to non-availability of this system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rain repellent system exists on Airbus A-300 aircraft but the manufacture, M/s. Airbus Industries with the permission of their regulatory authority of DGAC, France, allowed deactivation of the rain repellent system, but made it mandatory that both windshield wipers should be serviceable all the time.

(c) Rain repellent system on A-300 aircraft of Indian Airlines was discontinued due to non-availability of rain repellent which was environment friendly as per the recommendation of Airbus Industry. However, environment friendly rain repellent is now available in the market and the systems are being progressively re-activated during major checks of A-300 aircraft.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Violation of Flight Regulation by Alliance Air Pilots

1725. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Alliance Air planes are over-worked and needs frequent repairs and develop snags at the time of landing or taking off.

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide better air service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the pilots of Alliance Airlines often overlook technical snags of violate flight and duty time regulations to log in the minimum flying hours to earn their salary; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken by the authorities to discourage such risky practices?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Removal of Slums around Airports

1726. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the location of slums around the airports is a safety hazard;